Safety equipments for Bokaro Steel Plant Employees

2523. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of expenditure incurred in the past three years by Bokaro Steel Plant for purchasing employees safety equipment like industrial hand-gloves, shoes and other operational devices;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of employees of Bokaro Steel Plnat have not been using them due to poor quality products; and;

(c) whether the BSP has now taken steps for procerment of standard quality products for the employees to ensure proper safety, if so, the facts and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) No, Madam. According to Steel Authority of India Limited, Bokaro Steel Limited has been procuring standard and quality safety products as per ISI and Inter Plant Standard for Steel Industry (IPSS) specifications.

Modernisation of Steel Plants

2524. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether existing steel plants under SAIL are to be modernised/ expanded to enhance steel production; and

(b) if so, what is the number of the steel plants which have been modernised and to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) SAIL proposed to modernise the following steel plants :

(i) Durgapur Steel Plant

(ii) Rourkela Steel Plant

(iii) Bokaro Steel Plant

(iv) Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited.

Government have already approved the schemes for the modernisation of Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants. These are under implementation. The proposals for modernisation of Bokaro and IISCO Plants are under examination of the Government.

Import of Coking Coal

2525. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 152 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the price of imported coking coal is cheaper as compared to indigenous coking coal ; and

(b) what is CIF import cost permit for coking coal from major exporting countries to India ; what is the price of local coking coal in India; and what is the import duty on coal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The price of imported and indigenous coking coal is not comparable due to quality considerations. However, the price of imported coking coal is higher.

(b) During 1991-92, the approximate C & F price of the imported coal was Rs. 1600 per Metric Tonne. The basic price of the indigenous coal (excluding internal transport) is approximately Rs. 1050 per Metric Tonne on an average.

The import duty on low ash coking coal is 5%.

Cycle Allowance to CPWD Workers

2526. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cycle Allowance is paid to the workers of the C.P.W.D. in whose cases it is certified that the use of cycle is required in the performance of their duties ;

(b) whether in New Delhi Zones-I and II in the Civil and Electrical Divisions, orders for payment of the allowance are issued in the name of individual workers during each financial year ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the Horticultural Divisions of these Zones no such individual orders are issued for payment of the allowance ;

(d) if so, whether there were different set of rules for payment of this allowance for the civil, electrical and horticultural staff;

(e) whether any steps have been taken to uniformally apply the correct rules ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Orders as being issued in favour of each worker in the Horticultural Divisions also.

(d) No, Sir. Rules are uniform for Civil, Electrical and Horticultural Staff.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

गुजरात में आवास समस्या

2527. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के शहरी क्षेत्रों में आवास की समस्या हल करने के लिए आवास तथा शहरी विकास निगम की उस परियोजना का ब्यौरा क्या है जो कि उसके विचाराधीन है;

(ख) क्या आवास तथा शहरी विकास निगम ने इस परियोजना को मंजूरी दे दी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) से (ग) हुडको द्वारा दी गयी सूचना के अनुसार गुजरात से सम्बन्धित 23.15 करोड़ रुपये ऋण राशि की कुल 23 आवास परियोजनाएं हुडको के पास विचाराधीन है। हुडको मार्ग निदेशों की विभिन्न अपेक्षाओं के अनुपालन तथा निधियों की उपलब्धता की शर्त पर स्वीकृति के लिए इन योजनाओं पर विचार किया जायेगा।